

## § 275.165

(5620.8), in duplicate, and shall include a statement that the tax imposed on tobacco products and cigarette papers and tubes by 26 U.S.C. 7652 or chapter 52, as applicable, has been paid in respect to the articles covered in the claim, and that the articles were lost, destroyed, or withdrawn from the market, within six months preceding the date the claim is filed and shall be executed under the penalties of perjury. A claim for refund relating to articles lost or destroyed shall be supported as prescribed in § 275.165, and a claim relating to articles withdrawn from the market shall include a schedule prepared and verified as prescribed in §§ 275.170 and 275.171 or §§ 275.172 and 275.173. The original of the claim shall be filed with the regional director (compliance) for the region in which the tax was paid, or, where the tax was paid in more than one region, with the regional director (compliance) for any one of the regions in which the tax was paid. The duplicate of the claim, with the copy of any verified supporting schedules, shall be retained by the claimant.

(68A Stat. 907, as amended, 72 Stat. 1419, as amended; 26 U.S.C. 7652, 5705)

[T.D. 6871, 31 FR 46, Jan. 4, 1966. Redesignated at 40 FR 16835, Apr. 15, 1975, and amended by T.D. ATF-48, 44 FR 55855, Sept. 28, 1979; T.D. ATF-232, 51 FR 28086, Aug. 5, 1986; T.D. ATF-243, 52 FR 43194, Dec. 1, 1986; T.D. ATF-251, 52 FR 19341, May 22, 1987]

### TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND CIGARETTE PAPERS AND TUBES LOST OR DESTROYED

#### § 275.165 Action by taxpayer.

Where tobacco products and cigarette papers and tubes which have been imported or brought into the United States are lost (otherwise than by theft) or destroyed, by fire, casualty, or act of God, and the taxpayer desires to file claim for refund of the tax on such articles, he shall, in addition to complying with the requirements of § 275.163, indicate on the claim the nature, date, place, and extent of such loss or destruction. The claim shall be accompanied by such evidence as is necessary to establish to the satisfac-

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tion of the regional director (compliance) that the claim is valid.

(72 Stat. 1419, as amended; 26 U.S.C. 5705)

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### TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND CIGARETTE PAPERS AND TUBES WITHDRAWN FROM THE MARKET

#### § 275.170 Reduction of tobacco products to materials; action by regional director (compliance).

(a) *General.* Where tobacco products and cigarette papers and tubes which have been imported or brought into the United States are withdrawn from the market and the taxpayer desires to file claim for refund of the tax on the articles, he shall, in addition to the requirements of § 275.163, assemble the articles at any suitable place, if they are to be destroyed or reduced to tobacco. The taxpayer shall group the articles according to the rates of tax applicable to the articles, and shall prepare a schedule of the articles on ATF Form 3069 (5200.7), in triplicate. All copies of the schedule shall be forwarded to the regional director (compliance) for the region in which the tobacco products and cigarette papers and tubes are assembled.

(b) *Large cigars.* Refund or credit of tax on large cigars withdrawn from the market is limited to the minimum amount applicable to that brand and size of cigar during the required record retention period (see § 275.22) except where the importer establishes that a greater amount was actually paid. For each claim involving large cigars withdrawn from the market the importer shall include a certification on either ATF Form 3069 (5200.7) or ATF Form 2635 (5620.8) to read as follows:

The amounts claimed relating to large cigars are based on the lowest (insert either "wholesale price" or "sale price", as applicable) applicable to the cigars during the required record retention period, except where specific documentation is submitted with

the claim to establish that any greater amount of tax claimed was actually paid.

(Sec. 202, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1419, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5705))

[T.D. ATF-80, 46 FR 18311, Mar. 24, 1981, as amended by T.D. ATF-232, 51 FR 28086, Aug. 5, 1986; T.D. ATF-243, 51 FR 43194, Dec. 1, 1986; T.D. ATF-251, 52 FR 19341, May 22, 1987; T.D. ATF-307, 55 FR 52745, Dec. 21, 1990]

**§ 275.171 Reduction of tobacco products to materials, action by regional director (compliance).**

Upon receipt of a schedule of tobacco products and cigarette papers and tubes which have been imported or brought into the United States and which are withdrawn from the market by a taxpayer who desires to destroy such articles or, in the case of tobacco products, reduce them to tobacco, the regional director (compliance) may assign an ATF officer to verify the schedule and supervise destruction of the articles (and stamps, if any) or the reduction of tobacco products to tobacco, or the regional director (compliance) may authorize the taxpayer to destroy the articles (and stamps, if any) or reduce tobacco products to tobacco without supervision by so stating on the original and one copy of the schedule returned to the taxpayer.

(72 Stat. 1419, as amended; 26 U.S.C. 5705)

[T.D. 6871, 31 FR 46, Jan. 4, 1966, Redesignated at 40 FR 16835, Apr. 15, 1975, and amended by T.D. ATF-232, 51 FR 28087, Aug. 5, 1986; T.D. ATF-243, 51 FR 43194, Dec. 1, 1986]

**§ 275.172 Return to nontaxpaid status, action by taxpayer.**

(a) *General.* Where tobacco products and cigarette papers and tubes which have been imported or brought into the United States are withdrawn from the market and the taxpayer desires to file a claim for refund of the tax on the articles and return them to a nontaxpaid status, he shall, in addition to the requirements of § 275.163, assemble the articles in or adjacent to the factory in which the articles are to be retained or received in a nontaxpaid status. The taxpayer shall group the articles according to the rates of tax applicable to the articles, and shall prepare a schedule of the articles, on ATF Form 3069 (5200.7), in triplicate. All copies of the schedule shall be forwarded to the

regional director (compliance) for the region in which the tobacco products and cigarette papers and tubes are assembled.

(b) *Large cigars.* Refund or credit of tax on large cigars withdrawn from the market is limited to the minimum amount applicable to that brand and size of cigar during the required record retention period (see § 275.22) except where the importer establishes that a greater amount was actually paid. For each claim involving large cigars withdrawn from the market the importer shall include a certification on either ATF Form 3069 (5200.7) or ATF Form 2635 (5620.8) to read as follows:

The amounts claimed relating to large cigars are based on the lowest (insert either "wholesale price" or "sale price", as applicable) applicable to the cigars during the required record retention period, except where specific documentation is submitted with the claim to establish that any greater amount of tax claimed was actually paid.

(Sec. 202, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1419, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5705))

[T.D. ATF-80, 46 FR 18311, Mar. 24, 1981, and amended by T.D. ATF-232, 51 FR 28087, Aug. 5, 1986; T.D. ATF-243, 51 FR 43194, Dec. 1, 1986; T.D. ATF-251, 52 FR 19341, May 22, 1987; T.D. ATF-307, 55 FR 52745, Dec. 21, 1990]

**§ 275.173 Return to nontaxpaid status, action by regional director (compliance).**

Upon receipt of a schedule of tobacco products and cigarette papers and tubes which have been imported or brought into the United States and which are withdrawn from the market by a taxpayer who desires to return such articles to a nontaxpaid status, the regional director (compliance) may assign an ATF officer to verify the schedule and supervise disposition of the articles (and destruction of the stamps, if any) or the regional director (compliance) may authorize the receiving manufacturer to verify the schedule and disposition of the articles (and destruction of the stamps, if any) covered therein, without supervision, by so stating on the original and one copy of the schedule returned to the manufacturer. Where the receipt in a factory of tobacco products and cigarette papers and tubes has been verified, such articles shall be treated by the receiving manufacturer as nontaxpaid and